

training at Fort Ord. After serving two years in the military, Bill married the love of his life, Delores Josephine Pagel. Bill and Delores were married for 59 years.

In 1955, Bill began a lifelong career at Salyers' America. At one point, Salyers was one of the largest farming operations in the United States. Bill was the Farm Superintendent and managed 85,000 acres of land, which included 18 crops ranging from wheat and barley to tomatoes and cotton. Bill worked at Salyers for 45 years, retiring in 2000.

In addition to fighting in the Korean War, Bill fought two long battles close to home that were much more personal. The 1969 and 1983 Tulare Lake Floods fueled a long-standing rivalry between Valley farmers and Mother Nature, and Bill was at the forefront. Valley agriculture always played a very significant role in Bill's life because he understood its impact on the strength of our Nation.

More important than his appreciation for agriculture, Bill's family meant everything to him. Bill and Delores loved their three sons and their spouses: Harold and Kelly, Larry and Valerie, and Todd and Stephen. His pride and joy were his eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Bill will be greatly missed by his family and friends, but they will always have an outstanding role model who they will hold in their hearts forever.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to pay tribute to the life of Bill R. LeMay. His service to our country and dedication to working hard will always be remembered.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO HOPKINS ROYALS STATE TRACK CHAMPIONS

##### HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Hopkins Royals Boys Track Team for their success in attaining their very first Minnesota State High School Championship.

The Hopkins Team was by no means an underdog at State, but they weren't the favorite either. The boys exhibited enormous effort and passion throughout the season and at the tournament—an attitude that even coaches from opposing teams noticed.

The Royals were led by three outstanding athletes in Terrance Bowers, Shaheed Hickman, and Joe Klecker, who gained valuable team points in their respective events. However, it was the team effort in the 4x100 relay that secured the title for the Royals.

Head Coach Nick Lovas is proud of each athlete's individual goals, but even more satisfied with their commitment to the team. His passion for teaching students is an example the entire community can celebrate.

Mr. Speaker, this title will go down in Hopkins High history because it is the first Boys Track Championship in the school's 108 years of existence. The boys pushed themselves to their limits, ran faster and jumped farther each week, and ended up victorious. This accomplishment is the result of the hard work and dedication from the athletes and coaches, as

well as the endless support from parents, teachers and fans.

Again, I want to congratulate the Hopkins Royals Boys Track Team, on becoming State High School Champions.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF GMU PROFESSOR DONNA STERLING TO SCIENCE EDUCATION

##### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the tremendous contributions of George Mason University Professor Donna R. Sterling, whose work to improve the research in and development of effective science and math curricula has benefitted elementary and secondary school students across the nation.

Ms. Sterling is a Distinguished Service Professor and Director of the Center for Restructuring Education in Science and Technology at George Mason's College of Education and Human Development. GMU, which is located in the 11th Congressional District in Fairfax, Virginia, is now the Commonwealth's largest public university with 34,000 students, a full-time faculty of more than 1,800, 11 schools, and degrees in 198 fields of study. Over the past 22 years, Ms. Sterling's research has been instrumental in helping to improve science teaching in elementary and secondary schools and higher educational institutions throughout the Commonwealth and across the country, while simultaneously increasing the profile of George Mason University.

She has served as principal investigator for numerous teacher development and research grants and has authored more than 100 articles, books, and reports. Her portfolio includes the award-winning "New Science Teachers' Support Network" for provisionally-licensed science teachers and "Science Camp" for training pre-service and experienced teachers to conduct problem-based learning with children. Through the years, her research has garnered more than \$50 million in funding support from multiple public and private sources, including the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, the Virginia Department of Education, ExxonMobil, Northrop Grumman, Boeing, Micron, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

A recent project used her research for the basis of the Virginia Initiative for Science Teaching and Achievement (or VISTA). The project received one of the largest Investing in Innovation (or i3) grants from the U.S. Department of Education. It also marked the largest grant in GMU's history and brought together six Virginia universities, the Virginia Department of Education, the Virginia Mathematics and Science Coalition, and private corporate partners to support the improvement of K-12 science education.

In addition to her research work, Ms. Sterling has been an active member of the Virginia Mathematics and Science Coalition, where she has developed policy recommendations and white papers for improving K-12 science education, the development of science lead-

ers, and the preparation of outstanding teacher and student programs.

She earned her Doctor of Education degree in science education from The George Washington University, and she completed her early research and career training under two noted Nobel Prize recipients—Linus Pauling and Melvin Calvin who between them received three Nobel prizes.

She is regarded by her peers as a pioneer in classroom curriculum development to engage young students in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (or STEM). She also has served as a role model and mentor to generations of graduate students—particularly young women—by inspiring and supporting them as they pursue careers in teaching, research, and leadership roles in the field of STEM education.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the distinguished career of Dr. Donna Sterling and in thanking her for her innovative and lasting contributions to classroom instruction. Her ability to inspire graduate students in scientific discovery—pushing them to question, hypothesize, and verify new knowledge through real experimentation and persistence—have been a hallmark of her passion for science education. She continues to support an ever-expanding network of former students who now are inspiring the next generation of young women and men to unlock the mysteries and wonders of our world through scientific discovery.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 2014 WAUKEGAN TOWNSHIP MEN OF DISTINCTION LUNCHEON HONOREES

##### HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize some of the Waukegan community's finest leaders.

In education, business, government, faith and more, these 15 outstanding men embody what is best about Waukegan and demonstrate a deep commitment to strengthening our community.

It is my great pleasure to honor the 2014 Men of Distinction: Dr. Phil Carrigan; Arthur Craig; Don Elliott; Ronnel Ewing; Chuck Gutman; Kenneth Mayo; Mayor Steve Pannell; Greg Moio; Joe Moody; Mayor Wayne Motley; Bill Newby; Martin Perez; Pastor Eugene Roberson; Mayor Leon Rockingham; Jose Rodriguez.

It takes strong leaders with vision and dedication to bring a community together and secure a hopeful, prosperous future for the next generation. With no less than their fullest commitment to the people and the township of Waukegan, these 15 honorees work each and every day to enrich their community.

As true Men of Distinction, this year's honorees deserve the highest praise and greatest respect. I know that this honor will merely inspire them to work even harder to strengthen Waukegan and build an even better, closer community.